GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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ALLEGED INCREASE IN CORRUPTION
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the menace of corruption is on the increase as reported in the Hindi daily `Rajasthan Patrika` dated 10 July, 2005;

(b) if so, the veracity or otherwise of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the `Trasparency International` has published a report on the alleged spread of corruption in India;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government proposes to adopt stringent measures to check corruption; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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(a) & (b): Rajasthan Patrika has just elaborated the findings of a survey conducted by a private body named Transparency International.

(c): A publication titled `Indian Corruption Study, 2005 to improve Governance` has been published by Transparency International India (TII) in alliance with Center for Media Studies, New Delhi.

(d), (e) & (f): Several steps have been taken to remove corruption and to improve administrative functioning. Important among them are: enactment of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and Whistle Blowers Resolution 2004; the pro-active involvement of Ministry/Department through Annual Action Plan on Vigilance; issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting processes by the CVC; enactment of CVC Act and strengthening the CBI to effectively discharge its anti corruption function etc. Further, Government organizations are constantly engaged in improving their functioning through e-Governance, issue of Citizen Charters and simplification of procedures and systems, which are aimed at eradicating corruption by improving transparency and accountability.